

## **1st Quarter 2012 Public Affairs Report for WJCL-FM Savannah**

1/1/11-2/11/12 WJCL aired a minimum 50 minutes of live and recorded announcements in support of the Hilton Head Half Marathon charity run.

2/24/12-3/10/12 WJCL aired a minimum 75 minutes of live and recorded announcements in support of Claxton's Rattlesnake and Wildlife Festival.

3/1/12-3/17/12 WJCL aired a minimum 75 minutes of live and recorded announcements in support of the Wesley Monumental Methodist Church pancake breakfast to benefit their youth group.

3/1/12-3/17/12 WJCL aired a minimum 50 minutes of live and recorded announcements in support of the Savannah St. Patrick's Day Parade.

### **Coastal Spotlight**

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#### **January 1, 2012**

The new year brings keeps certain community challenges in focus for our community. Many cities and towns would be inaugurating new mayors and city councils, and new laws were taking effect. Nancy Lynn highlighted the some of the changes area cities would be facing including possible additional smoking ordinances, plus current and future road construction projects.

#### **January 8, 2012**

The number of people in the Coastal Empire and Low Country that need food assistance is rising dramatically. The largest organization in our area that helps distribute food is Second Harvest, based in Savannah. Second Harvest serves the entire southeast GA region, and is constantly receiving pleas for food. Mary Jane Crouch, the director of Second Harvest, told listeners how to receive food, as well as how others could help donate, sort and distribute food to those in need.

#### **January 15, 2012**

Ashley Jordan of Seize Hope for Epilepsy GA has organized the group to help those suffering from the disease to get help and support. Until now, there had been no group to help families living with epilepsy. Jordan shared how the group can help others with epilepsy find resources for medicine, doctors, help at gaining employment and more.

#### **January 22, 2012**

Shane Shifflett of "Pink Heals" spoke about the group's upcoming activities for 2012. "Pink Heals" is a nationwide group of firefighters who have banded together (and gotten some pink firetrucks, too!) to travel the state to raise awareness for breast cancer research, as well as all other cancer research. The group raises money through t-shirt sales and donations, with proceeds going to help cancer victims with their bills. Cancer patients and their families can get more information at [www.gapinktrucks.com](http://www.gapinktrucks.com).

#### **January 29, 2012**

Nicole Layton, the Executive Director of Ronald McDonald House Charities, spoke about how the group helps families of hospitalized children. Qualified families can stay at Ronald McDonald house for free while their child is in the hospital getting treated for serious illness or injury. Donations from our community help pay for the service. Interested parties can donate online, or participate in the group's Bake-Off in February or 5k/10k run in March.

#### **February 5, 2012**

Leah Wilson, a volunteer publicist for the Multiple Sclerosis Society's 5k Walk told listeners about the event, and how the Society uses proceeds to fund research to find a cure for MS. Ms. Wilson also shared the story of her battle with MS, from her first diagnosis, to the financial burdens it costs her (and her family) today. She encouraged listeners who have MS to let the society help you with resources to get help and support.

#### **February 12, 2012**

Last week's program featuring Leah Wilson was broadcast again due to illness.

#### **February 19, 2012**

Robin Screen told listeners about an upcoming fundraiser for Sam Giordano, who is battling Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia, a childhood cancer. Ms. Screen educated listeners on ALL, its treatment, and burdens family members have with a sick child. Listeners were not only encouraged to participate in the fundraiser, but to also find the local doctors and hospitals that treat ALL, and volunteer to help families and the patients, as well.

#### **February 26, 2012**

Shirley Sessions, program coordinator for Hands On Savannah invited listeners to participate in several different community events. HOS is a United Way affiliate, and offers citizens chances to help others by delivering food to home-bound people, clean up public spaces, and serve others by using talents and time to fix up the homes of deserving families, and more.

#### **March 4, 2012**

Lisa Scarborough of Coastal Pet Rescue told listeners about how to care for your animals. Our community has been following a story about a dog biting a girl when she played with his food bowl in his own back yard. The dog was banned from the county for life. Regulations on how dogs are supposed to be fenced and cared for are top of mind for our citizens, who don't want their animals hurting others, or being euthanized or banned as a

result of uncontrolled aggression. Lisa also address animal abuse cases in our area, and how dog owners will be punished of convicted of these crimes.

### **March 11, 2012**

Lt. David Gay with the Savannah-Metropolitan Police Department reminded listeners all the laws and regulations that will be followed to keep the public safe during the parade and weekend River Street festivities. Parking restrictions will be in place beginning March 15th for parade and parade staging, with violators will be towed. Drinking violations were also covered by Lt. Gay, as well as shuttle information, with tickets, arrests and penalties for violators of the law.

### **March 18, 2012**

Gretchen Perez, the Director of the Savannah Care Center, told listeners about how the Center can help women experiencing crisis pregnancies. The center offers free pregnancy tests, parenting classes and post-natal support for the mother and child, including free formula, diapers and more for families in need. Listeners can help the center's work by participating in an upcoming fundraiser, a 2 mile walk, called Walk for Life, or make donations online. Those that don't want to donate or participate in the fundraiser can stop the any one of the center's locations and receive a private consultation and pregnancy test, if they request one.

### **March 25, 2012**

Lisa Freeman was a school teacher in Richmond Hill, Georgia when her Marine son Matthew was killed in action in Afghanistan in August, 2009. Before he died, Matthew asked his mom to send school supplies to him during his deployment so that he could give them to the Iraqi children. When Matthew died, in order to honor him, Lisa decided to build a network of high school and college students across the country who would collect school supplies and facilitate sending those supplies to U.S. military personnel, who would, in turn give them to school children in war-torn countries. Lisa told listeners about the group's efforts locally, and how we can help the Iraqi children with our donations.

## **2nd Quarter 2012 Public Affairs Report for WJCL-FM Savannah**

4/2/12-4/20/12 WJCL aired a minimum 50 minutes of live and recorded announcements in support of the Savannah Sailing Center Sailing Regatta for Autistic Children.

4/20/12-4/28/12 WJCL aired a minimum 30 minutes of live and recorded announcements in support of the Tybee Island Marine Center's 2011 Tybee Turtle Trot charity marathon. WJCL also made an appearance at the event.

5/28/12-6/2/12 WJCL aired a minimum 30 minutes of live and recorded announcements in support the Habitat for Humanity Clearance Sale fundraiser.

6/1/12-6/30/12 WJCL aired a minimum 75 minutes of live and recorded announcements in support of the Summer Movies for Kids Series.

6/4/12-6/29/12 WJCL aired a minimum 100 minutes of live and recorded announcements in support the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance Back To School non-profit event.

6/17/12-6/29/12 WJCL aired a minimum 50 minutes of live and recorded announcements in support fundraising efforts for the family of Bryan County Sheriff's Deputy Sgt. Bobby Krapse who was killed in a traffic accident on 6/15/12.

6/22/12-6/30/12 WJCL aired a minimum 50 minutes of live and recorded announcements in support local 4<sup>th</sup> of July events including the Savannah Fireworks display, the Tybee Fireworks display, and the Richmond Hill Fireworks display.

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#### **April 1, 2012**

Sandra Frye, of the Liberty Humane Shelter, is an animal rescue group in Liberty County, GA. The group rescues animals from the county's Animal Control facility, rehabilitates them, and then adopts them to loving families. The Shelter is non-profit, and operates solely on funds from donations. The group will be having several fundraisers, and listeners were invited to attend, as well as look at the animals up for adoption.

### **April 8, 2012**

Ed Wexler, is the spokesman for "Honor Flight". "Honor Flight" is a group that raises funds to pay for World War II and Korean War veterans travel to Washington, D.C. To see the war memorials before they die. Veterans of other wars, (including Desert Storm, Iraq, Afghanistan, and Vietnam), who are facing a terminal illness, also qualify for the free trips. Fundraisers for the non-profit organization raise proceeds to not only pay for the travel for the veteran, but also for any doctors and professional personnel that may need to accompany them. Families may also travel, but at their own expense. Listeners were encouraged to nominate deserving veterans for the program, and to donate to help honor those that served our country.

### **April 15, 2012**

Our area has a huge number of dogs and cats that aren't being taken care of. Lisa Scarborough of Coastal Pet Rescue told listeners about how to adopt homeless animals, and bring them back to thriving. CPR also has opportunities for citizens to temporarily board animals until they find a permanent home, and for people to adopt animals and love them for the rest of their lives. CPR serves the greater Savannah area, with foster families in several counties, helping with the dogs and cats.

### **April 22, 2012**

Barbie Newsome told listeners about the upcoming Cleft and Lip Palate fundraiser being held in May to raise money for treatment and research of this devastating malady. Newsome's twins both have the problem, and she talked about their treatment, upcoming surgeries and prognosis, plus the help available to future families that will struggle with this issue. There is a local support group to help families with treatment options and emotional support, as well as medical referrals to the Shriners' Hospital in Cincinnati, OH for possible treatment.

### **April 29, 2012**

Horsin' Around is a non-profit therapeutic riding program for special needs individuals in Southeast Georgia that provides therapeutic riding for individuals who can learn to ride a horse and hippotherapy for those who need to be supervised by a physical therapist. The program is run entirely by volunteers and the riders participate at no cost. Carrie Henry told listeners how they could be a part of this very important program.

### **May 6, 2012**

Jessica Auner, mother of two-year-old Chloe, told listeners about Chloe's disease, Rett's Syndrome, a neurological disease that typically claims it's victims before they are 20. Jessica spoke about treatments that can extend people's lives, genetic testing that determines risk factors, and how families and friends can support victims. Chloe's therapies are costly and the family is having several fundraisers in the area to raise money and awareness of the disease.

### **May 13, 2012**

Jamie Murray from the Alzheimer's Association told listeners about how the Association can help families and Alzheimer's patients. The group raised money to fund research for

a cure for the disease, as well as offer families support groups and education about the disease and the toll it takes on caregivers. Citizens can get emotional support from the group, and its members, if they desire, and benefit from the research funded by the group.

#### **May 20, 2012**

Mary Jane Crouch with the Second Harvest Food Bank shared how the group helps the community's needy by providing groceries to less fortunate families. The food bank also supplies food to different organizations that help seniors and school-age children who would otherwise go without food. Ms. Crouch spoke about how people in our area can contribute food, or become a client who can get some much-needed help.

#### **May 27, 2012**

The Rape Crisis Center serves our area by offering safe places for domestic violence victims to live while their cases are adjudicated. The Center serves women and children, and also offers counseling and therapy for current residents and victims who live in the community, but have survived sexual violence. Ron Roberts told listeners how they can get help from the Center, and how people can donate to help keep it open.

#### **June 3, 2012**

Laura Thompson of the American Heart Association told listeners about how to prevent heart disease, and its effects if someone has it. The AHA provides the community with resources on prevention, and services to help those who are diagnosed, as well as support for their families. Listeners were encouraged to go to the group's website to get more information on heart disease, and how they can volunteer for or donate to the AHA to support their programs.

#### **June 10, 2012**

Lynn Gensemer of the Greater Savannah Humane Society educated listeners on how the Society helps abandoned animals in our area. Adoption was discussed, as well as the financial resources needed to keep the shelter in operation. Volunteers to take care of the animals are always needed, with special emphasis given on the group's spay and neuter campaign. Gensemer invited listeners to help support the shelter financially, physically and by keeping an eye on their pets so that they don't get lost.

#### **June 17, 2012**

Gena Sullivan, the Public Information Officer at the Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department, told listeners about what officers will be doing to protect the citizens during the busy summer season. Ms. Sullivan gave tips on how families can deter thieves who might want to rob their homes while they are gone on vacation, taught about fireworks and Georgia laws against them, and how there will be various checkpoints drivers will face during the weekends, as officers try to catch drunk drivers.

#### **June 24, 2012**

Assistant Chief of Fire Operations Hugh Futrell of the Southside Fire Department told listeners about fire safety for the summer. He taught about how listeners can obtain burn

permits, when they are necessary, and fines for not having them. He also spoke on grilling safely, as well as fireworks safety, including what fireworks are illegal in Georgia.

### **3rd Quarter 2012 Public Affairs Report for WJCL-FM Savannah**

07/01/12–07/03/12 WJCL aired a minimum 30 minutes of live and recorded announcements promoting the Tybee Island Free Fireworks on the Pier non-profit event.

07/01/12-7/04/12 WJCL aired a minimum 30 minutes of live and recorded announcements in support of the Fort Stewart 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks display and Zac Brown Band concert.

7/1/12-7/14/12 WJCL aired a minimum 50 minutes of live and recorded announcements in support of the Salvation Army's "Christmas In July" fundraiser.

07/1/12-07/21/12 WJCL aired a minimum 75 minutes of live and recorded announcements promoting the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance's "Back to School Extravaganza" charity event.

7/7/12-7/31/12 WJCL aired a minimum 30 minutes of live and recorded announcements in support of the Richmond Hill National Night Out.

7/7/12-7/31/12 WJCL aired a minimum 75 minutes of live and recorded announcements addressing hurricane awareness and measures local residents can take to protect their families and property.

7/14/12-8/3/12 WJCL aired a minimum 50 minutes of live and recorded announcements in support of the No More Diabetes Foundation Fundraiser in Hilton Head.

8/1/12-8/17/12 WJCL aired a minimum 75 minutes of live and recorded announcements promoting the KIX Cares for Kids St. Jude Radiothon. WJCL also aired the 25 hour radiothon on 8/16 from 6am-6pm and 8/17 from 6am-7pm raising over \$50,000 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

8/1/12-8/18/12 WJCL aired a minimum 50 minutes of live and recorded announcements in support of the Kingfish Classic Charity Fishing Tournament in Richmond Hill.

8/15/12 from 6am-10am WJCL spent a minimum 15 minutes of airtime discussing Liberty County's new parent visitation policy.

8/18/12-8/25/12 WJCL aired a minimum 30 minutes of live and recorded announcements in support of the Savannah Sandgnat Blood Drive.

9/1/12-9/16/12 WJCL aired a minimum 60 minutes of live and recorded announcements in support of the "Make It Happen" charity Fundraiser.



9/1/12-9/29/12 WJCL aired a minimum 60 minutes of live and recorded announcements in support of the Effingham County Octoberfest.

9/1/12-9/30/12 WJCL aired a minimum 60 minutes of live and recorded announcements in support of Tybee Island Piratefest.

9/10/12 from 6am-10am WJCL spent a minimum 15 minutes of airtime discussing the Navy Seal Book "No Easy Day".

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### **July 1, 2012**

Kelly Harley, the Public Information Officer for the Chatham Emergency Management Agency, told listeners about the hurricane preparations each person should be doing during hurricane season. Also, Ms. Harley addressed changes in the area's hurricane evacuation system, including the elimination of voluntary evacuations. Each listener was encouraged to also keep at three days' supply of food and medicine on hand for their family and pets, in case storms caused the area to lose power for a few days.

### **July 8, 2012**

Lisa Scarborough of Coastal Pet Rescue told listeners about the immediate need for foster families in our area. Lisa addressed animal abuse cases in our area that created this current need, and how people can become a foster family, or donate to help pay for the care of these animals, many of which require substantial funds. Interested parties can go to their website, "<http://www.coastalpetrescue.org/>" [www.coastalpetrescue.org](http://www.coastalpetrescue.org/), and register to help take care of these animals.

### **July 15, 2012**

Ron Roberts of the Rape Crisis Center told listeners how the center helps women in crisis. Some residents are housed in a safe place to escape domestic violence until their cases can be adjudicated, while others are getting free counseling as they recover from being raped. Twelve step program counseling is also available to qualified clients. The center exists on public funding through corporations and private donations, and listeners were told what their donations would be providing.

### **July 22, 2012**

Bob DiCarlo, of the No More Diabetes Foundation, told listeners about the group's upcoming fundraiser, as they try to raise money to find a cure for diabetes. DiCarlo and his wife started the foundation after their son was diagnosed with Type I diabetes, and now requires a continuous source of insulin to remain alive. DiCarlo shared current

treatments for Type I diabetes, as well as known contributors to the disease, and how to manage it.

### **July 29, 2012**

Mary Jane Crouch of the Second Harvest Food Bank told listeners about how the food bank helps needy families in our community. There are several opportunities for citizens to get food assistance from the bank, including stopping by for a bag of groceries, or taking part in the Kids Cafe, which feeds children a hot meal on weekday afternoons. Food donations are eagerly accepted and appreciated, especially during this time when the need is so great.

### **August 5, 2012**

Shirley Sessions from Hands on Savannah told listeners about how they can help in their community. HOS organizes people here to help with beach and park cleaning projects, food for the needy, and more. Listeners were encouraged to sign up online for the hundreds of projects done locally to help our neighbors.

### **August 12, 2012**

Gregory Mitchell, with the Savannah-Chatham Metro Police Department, told listeners about traffic safety reminders as school gets back in session. Officer Mitchell educated drivers about school zone safety laws, plus fines for those ticketed, as well as, possible required driver safety classes that would lessen fines and insurance premiums.

### **August 19, 2012**

David Holt is the Executive Director of Narc Anon, an organization dedicated to helping people recover from addiction to narcotics. Holt addressed the signs of addiction, the treatment offered through Narc Anon, and the costs associated with getting "sober" and staying in "recovery". Listeners were encouraged to be aware of any danger signs in their loved ones, and to contact the non-profit organization to get help.

### **August 26, 2012**

Jan Willis from the American Diabetes Association told listeners about what the group does, and how it can help our community. Ms. Willis addressed diabetes in adults, including its causes and treatment. She also went over prevention methods, all of which are detailed in materials the ADA can provide to citizens that are interested.

### **September 2, 2012**

The D.A.V., Disabled American Veterans, has tens of programs to help veterans. The DAV is the advocate for the veteran if they have questions or problems getting medical treatment, benefits, or even just information on programs for which they qualify. Veterans do not have to go it alone when trying to get help or benefits. The DAV will assist in filling out forms, finding out who to talk to about specific issues or problems, and even making sure the veteran is getting the assistance they need and for which they qualify. Listeners were encouraged to visit or call the DAV office on Montgomery Cross Road in Savannah, or in their local area for help for themselves or a loved one.

### **September 9, 2012**

Cancer is one of the top killers of Americans today. Libby Malphrus and her mother are both cancer survivors, and organized a group called, "Save the Hoo Hahs". The group is dedicated to raised funds to find a cure for gynecological cancers, including cervical and uterine cancers. Libby told listeners about how she was diagnosed, her treatment, and how women can be pro-active in cancer detection in their lives.

### **September 16, 2012**

Literacy problems are a nationwide problem, and the Royse Learning Center is dedicated to helping children with reading problems to overcome the different obstacles that hinder learning. Citizens can contact the center to get help for their children. The center needs money to help pay for the program, and has several fundraisers to meet the financial need. Maggie Keenan shared how the center also offers support and encouragement to parents who want to help their kids overcome reading problems.

### **September 23, 2012**

Mark Dana, President of the 200 Club, told listeners about what the group does in our area. The purpose of The 200 Club is to help provide for the surviving spouses and dependents of law enforcement officers, firefighters and paramedics who lose their lives in the line of duty. This includes all federal, state, county and local officers, firefighters and paramedics stationed in and working out of 20 counties within the Coastal Empire. Mark encouraged people to join the club, but to also remember the club when tragedy strikes a first responder.

### **September 30, 2012**

Area libraries are available to help the community, and not just by having books to read. Listeners were encouraged to go to their local libraries (there are several Live Oak Public Library branches in GA, with many other libraries in Beaufort and Jasper counties in SC) and not only get a book of their choice, but also take advantage of the research computers available for public use. Listeners were told how easy the process is, including the online book reservation system available to all members. Membership is free, but requires registration.

## **4th Quarter 2012 Public Affairs Report for WJCL-FM Savannah**

10/01/12-10/06/12 WJCL aired a minimum 50 minutes of live and recorded announcements in support of the Tybee Pirate Fest non-profit festival.

10/01/12-11/01/12 WJCL aired a minimum 60 minutes of live and recorded announcements in support of the Goody/BC charity event for Wounded Warriors.

10/01/12-11/10/12 WJCL aired a minimum 75 minutes of live and recorded announcements in support of the CASA Dancing with the Savannah Stars fundraising event.

10/05/12-10/27/12 WJCL aired a minimum 60 minutes of live and recorded announcements in support of the Tybee Historical Society's "Puttin' On The Ritz" charity event.

10/11/12-11/06/12 WJCL aired a minimum 60 minutes of live and recorded announcements encouraging listeners to vote in the elections.

10/15/12-11/17/12 WJCL aired a minimum 60 minutes of live and recorded announcements in support of the St. Jude Walk-a-thon at Daffin Park. WJCL also provided an Emcee for the event.

11/12/12-12/19/12 WJCL aired a minimum 40 minutes of live and recorded announcements in support of the "Can Hunger Food Drive".

11/15/12-12/01/12 WJCL aired a minimum 30 minutes of live and recorded announcements in support of the Savannah Bridge Run charity event.

11/30/12-12/5/12 WJCL aired a minimum 30 minutes of live and recorded announcements in support of the Hurricane Sandy Relief charity effort at Saddlebags.

12/01/12-12/8/12 WJCL aired a minimum 15 minutes of live and recorded announcements in support of the Pembroke Christmas Parade. WJCL also took part in the parade.

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#### **October 7, 2012**

Due to illness, the show September 30<sup>th</sup> was re-broadcast on this date.

### **October 14, 2012**

Lisa Scarborough of Coastal Pet Rescue told listeners about the immediate need for foster families in our area, and other ways citizens can help control our pet population. Lisa addressed the end of a local cat spay/neuter program, and how CPR plans to absorb the needs served in the area. Interested parties can go to their website, [www.coastalpetrescue.org](http://www.coastalpetrescue.org), and register to help take care of these animals.

### **October 21, 2012**

The Special Olympics program is very active in Georgia. Scott Blandford told listeners the benefits of the organization, how athletes can get involved, the important role of volunteers, and more. The group has several different events throughout the year, using different skills, and athletes can even compete on a national level, if they desire.

### **October 28, 2012**

Listeners heard Jill Ward from "Horsin' Around" talk about the benefits of horse therapy for disabled children and adults, as well as Wounded Warriors. The non-profit group offers free 6-8 week therapy sessions to qualifying citizens, who are referred to the program by their physician. The program serves everyone in the Coastal Empire and Low Country, and is entirely funded by local donations.

### **November 4, 2012**

Zadonna Slay of CASA (Court-Appointed Special Advocate) spoke to listeners about the program, and how it helps children of families that end up in the court system. The CASA program takes care of children in domestic violence (and other) cases, to make sure the child's interests are protected during custody issues. The group is benefitting from the upcoming, "Dancing With the Savannah Stars" fundraiser, and is asking the community to support the group through donations to their website, [www.casaforchildren.org](http://www.casaforchildren.org).

### **November 11, 2012**

Shirley Sessions, the coordinator of Hands On Savannah, told listeners about the upcoming events in our area. HOS is an arm of the United Way, and helps listeners get plugged-in to community activities that help others in our area. Ms. Sessions discussed clean-up drives, food pantry drives and other chances for people in our area to get help in their efforts to collect blankets for the needy. Listeners were encouraged to sign up online for events, or contact HOS directly to organize people to help your cause.

### **November 18, 2012**

Assistant Chief of Fire Operations Hugh Futrell of the Southside Fire Department told listeners about fire safety for the cold weather. He taught about how listeners can obtain burn permits, when they are necessary, and fines for not having them. He also spoke on Christmas tree safety, as well as Christmas light safety. Futrell also addressed heating tips, and the dangers of candles. Listeners were encouraged to have smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors in their homes.

### **November 25, 2012**

Mary Jane Crouch with the Second Harvest Food Bank shared how the food bank supplies food to different organizations that help seniors and school-age children who would otherwise go without food. Ms. Crouch spoke about how people in our area can contribute food during local food drives, or become a client who can get some much-needed help. The holidays are the busiest times for food needs in our area, and listeners were asked to help in any way they can, and to ask for help from the Food Bank, if they need it.

### **December 2, 2012**

Gina Bilbo, the Public Affairs Coordinator with the Savannah-Chatham Metro Police Department, taught listeners about ways to keep safe this holiday season, when thefts and home burglaries are on the rise. Bilbo gave tips about holiday shopping, such as keeping purchases in the trunk of your car, and making sure you lock your car doors and keep valuables out of sight. Home security tips were also given, as thieves like to use this time of year to steal new electronics that are intended to be Christmas gifts.

### **December 9, 2012**

Tax season is almost here, and tax laws could be drastically changing. Listeners were told of possible changes, when they could occur, and why citizens should wait before they file too soon. There are different programs available to help the community get free tax preparation for personal returns, and listeners were told how to get the information on how to get them done. Listeners were encouraged to go to [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) to get the latest updates on tax filing tips.

### **December 16, 2012**

Downtown Savannah in Chatham County has had a large number of crimes against women recently. While most of these crimes go unreported, there are resources still available to women who need help coping with the trauma. The Rape Crisis Center in Savannah can help any woman who has suffered this way, even if it wasn't reported to the authorities. Private, confidential help is available, as well as counseling and 12 step programs to help victims. Ronald Roberts from the Center told listeners how help is available to them at the center, if they ever need it.

### **December 23, 2012**

The Greater Chatham Humane Society in Savannah serves several area counties. Lynn Gensemer has been with the Center for almost 10 years, and was proud to tell listeners about the expanded services about to be offered. Citizens can adopt dogs or cats from the Society, and soon, highly discounted spays and neuters will be offered. The organization relies entirely on private donations, and local fundraisers, so listeners were also informed as to how their money is being used at the facility, how they can help more, and how animals are accepted in the program.

### **December 30, 2012**

As 2012 comes to a close, the disease of Alzheimer's still remains a huge problem in America, and the Coastal Empire is no exception. Jennifer House from the Alzheimer's Association told listeners how the group is trying to find a cure for Alzheimer's, and also how they have information that can help families cope with the diagnosis, treatment and care needed by Alzheimer's patients.